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**Pending Claims:**

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously presented): A breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet comprising:

a breathable liquid-impervious sheet having opposite surfaces and comprising an air-pervious and liquid-impervious assembly of thermoplastic synthetic fibers; and

second thermoplastic synthetic fibers covering said opposite surfaces of said breathable liquid-impervious sheet,

said second thermoplastic synthetic fibers comprising continuous fibers,

said breathable liquid-impervious sheet being intermittently bonded to said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers on said opposite surfaces,

said breathable liquid-impervious sheet having a maximum breathability of about 200 sec/100 cc, and a water resistance of at least about 300 mm.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled)

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**Claim 4 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers comprise layers that have a breathability that is equal to a breathability of said breathable liquid-impervious sheet.

**Claim 5 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers comprise layers that have a breathability that is greater than a breathability of said breathable liquid-impervious sheet.

**Claim 6 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers have a basis weight if about 10 to about 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

**Claim 7 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers are sealed together at intersections thereof.

**Claim 8 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said breathable liquid-impervious sheet is intermittently bonded to said continuous second thermoplastic synthetic fibers at discrete bond regions.

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**Claim 9 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 8, wherein the each of the discrete bond regions comprises an area of about 0.5 to about 10 mm<sup>2</sup>.

**Claim 10 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 8, wherein a total area of all of the discrete bond regions comprises about 1 to about 30% of a total area of the composite sheet.

**Claim 11 (previously presented):** The breathable liquid-impervious composite sheet according to claim 1, wherein said air-pervious and liquid-impervious assembly of thermoplastic synthetic fibers is a melt blown nonwoven fabric.